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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 17, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

(Amended) A shorts type disposable diaper comprising a liquid-permeable topsheet, a liquid-impermeable anti-leakage sheet and a liquid-retentive absorbent corg, a body-surrounding portion which is located between a waist pening portion and a leg opening portion, with said body-surrounding portion containing side portions, and a plurality of body-surrounding elastic members the body/surrounding portion, with said bodyprovided

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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	Respectfully submitted,
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